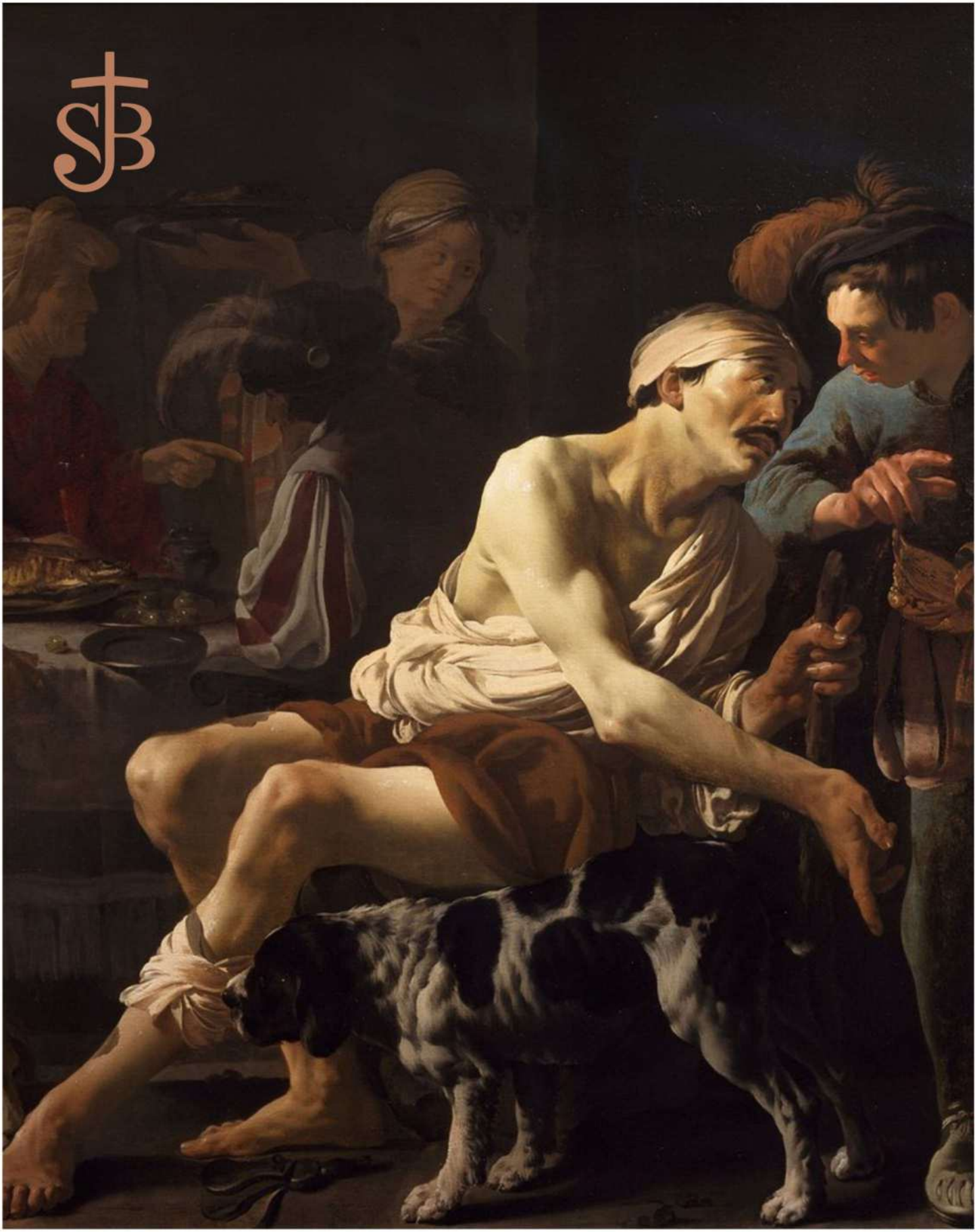

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The effect of the Gospel in our lives is not measured by how much we grow in understanding, but by how much our actions change. God tells us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22), and that we will be blessed by obedience rather than simply understanding. This is important to remember when we hear a very simple Gospel message such as the one this Sunday. The message that we must be generous toward the poor with the material blessings we have is not hard to comprehend, yet we might find it very difficult to put into practice. As I was reading through the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture to prepare for preaching, I didn't gain a lot of theological insight or profound new understanding. What resounded with me was a simple but hard-hitting quote from St. John Chrysostom about care for the poor. In this quote, St. John Chrysostom is addressing the rich man from this Sunday's parable, and asking him why he didn't act with charity toward Lazarus while he had the chance:

"When you were living in your wealth, when you were free to see at your own will, you did not choose to see him. Why do you have such keen sight now? Was he not at your gate? How could you avoid seeing him? When he was near you did not see him; and now do you see him from a distance, even across such a chasm? ... The man whom you passed by a thousand times, whom you did want to see- now do you seek to have him sent to you for your salvation?... And where are your cupbearers? ... Where is your buried gold? Where are your moth-eaten garments?... When we hear, let us be afraid, my beloved, lest we also see the poor and pass them by, lest instead of Lazarus there be many to accuse us hereafter."

Put that quote in contrast with the blessing I pray over a newly married couple at the end of every wedding I preside over: "May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God." At the end of our lives, one of these two quotes will have been the better description of each one of us; which one would you prefer would be said of you?

God bless you,

Fr. Dan

IMPORTANT:

From Tuesday September 30th through Thursday October 2nd, daily Mass and Confessions will be canceled for the annual priest convocation.

Daily Mass and Confessions on Tuesdays from October through December will be moved to 8 AM. The 6 PM Mass is cancelled due to the Rescue Project.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format. This experience is imbued with beauty, authentic humanity, and accompaniment.

WHO IT'S FOR:

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WHAT GOES ON:

Every session includes fellowship and dinner, worship led by Brooks Bradley, Fr. John Riccardo's compelling video, facilitated small group discussion, and prayer led by Fr. Dan Kogut.

SCAN TO REGISTER

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER

TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-8:30PM
OCTOBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 18TH
PLUS A SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
RETREAT DAY

**Childcare will be provided*

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THIS WEEK

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, October 1st
7pm
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

ALL NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, October 3rd,
1pm through
SATURDAY, October 4th, 7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

MENS BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, October 11th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

THIS FRIDAY!
Scan here to sign up for a Holy Hour!

Holy Brews is a ministry geared towards the building up of community life and fellowship within the parish.

Every first Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7pm, we come together at our local bar, the Ypsi Alehouse, to enjoy a drink and meal, while listening to an engaging talk by one of our guest speakers, followed by Q&A.

THIS MONTH HOLY BREWS FEATURES SPEAKER SEAN BREEDEN GIVING A TALK AND Q&A ON "LESSONS IN COURAGEOUS LOVE FROM ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX"

CAMPUS MINISTRY

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL ON CAMPUS

The Lord's Spirit has been upon us this year! We have been blessed by Fr. Dan's desire to street preach on Campus and a team of staff and students who are hungry to proclaim the gospel boldly. We all felt a particular strengthening of that call when we attended Charlie Kirk's Candle Vigil on EMU's Campus.

The Vigil was put on by one of our students who is in charge of the Pro Life Club on Campus.

There were close to a hundred students honoring Charlie Kirk and about a third of that number protesting our presence. The contrast between our worship and the protesters screaming was a striking look to the reality of spiritual battle. A number of us were able to speak to students after and minister to them. We all left thinking, we want to do this again! This is why we are here, to proclaim Jesus who binds up the brokenhearted and sets the prisoners free.

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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

The Catholic Church welcomes all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ, and St. John the Baptist Parish exists to form a community of missionary disciples. **What the Church Teaches** is a program to assist everyone on their individual journey to discipleship. As disciples, we must know and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

On Monday evenings, we present the teachings of Jesus as revealed through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. We do this in order to prepare people to profess the Catholic faith and participate in the Sacraments of Initiation, as well as to prepare the Catholic members of our community to go out and be Missionary Disciples. Increasing our knowledge of the truths of the Catholic Faith is much more than simply informing our minds on the facts. The more we know them and the live them, the more we are transformed by them and the holier we become.

September 29th.....Mary, Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of the Saints

October 6th.....Faith, Hope, Charity: The Theological Virtues

October 13th.....Salvation, Justification, Merit & the Paschal Mystery

October 20th.....Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

October 27th.....Sacraments: Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian Life

November 3rd...Sacraments: Eucharist, Part 2

November 10th.....Sacraments: Penance

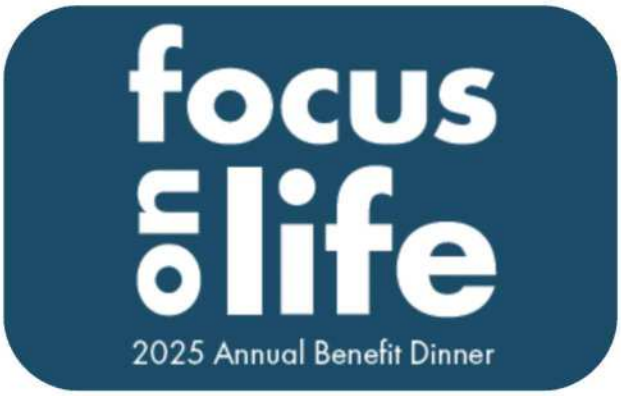
November 17th.....Sacraments: Matrimony and Holy Orders

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. John 17:3

For those who are just beginning to explore the Catholic faith, we welcome you. To those who are baptized, but seek to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, this is the place to prepare your heart and mind for that. To those who are already Catholic, but are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church, or want to better equipped to share the faith, join us and learn more.

Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, ***"Come and see."*** *John 1:35-42*

-Becky Diachun, OCIA Catechist



WASHTENAW AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Join the Washtenaw Area Right to Life for their annual Benefit Dinner to raise funds for the Pro-Life movement within the area. The evening will include food, fellowship, a silent auction, and a talk given by guest speaker Dr. Phil Fleming. Reservations begin at $45. Scan the QR code for more info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6 PM - CASH BAR & SILENT AUCTION
7 PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM
WASHTENAW GOLF CLUB, YPSI, MI

REVIVAL: A GRIEVING MOTHER'S RETREAT 2025

This retreat is for grieving mothers of miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss who desire more than shallow survival. The weekend includes Mass, Adoration, guided reflections, and compassionate & practical support from trained facilitators who are also on this journey. Confessions, spiritual direction, and counseling are also available.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
12:15 PM: † Robin Marazzi
Requested by Renewal Ministries

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
6:00 PM: NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
8:00 AM: NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
8:00 AM: NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
8:00 AM: † John and Kathleen Higgins
Requested by Leah Higgins

5 PM: † Fr. Ed Ertzbischoff
Requested by Charles & Imogene Malewitz

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
9:00 AM: † Michael Ichesco Sr.
Requested by Mickey Ichesco

11 AM: People of the Parish

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

- Free exercise machine: Pro-Form Hybrid Trainer works as an elliptical machine and a recumbent bike. It is currently in our walk-out basement: You haul. Please contact Sr. Rebecca if you are interested, 734-780-9931..
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St. Therese of Lisieux

BENEDICT XVI | GENERAL AUDIENCE

St. Peter's Square

Wednesday, 6 April 2011

Thérèse was born on 2 January 1873 in Alençon, a city in Normandy, in France. She was the last daughter of Louis and Zélie Martin, a married couple and exemplary parents. They had nine children, four of whom died at a tender age. Five daughters were left, who all became religious. Thérèse, at the age of four, was deeply upset by the death of her mother. Her father then moved with his daughters to the town of Lisieux, where the Saint was to spend her whole life. Later Thérèse, affected by a serious nervous disorder, was healed by a divine grace which she herself described as the "smile of Our Lady". She then received her First Communion, which was an intense experience, and made Jesus in the Eucharist the centre of her life.

The "Grace of Christmas" of 1886 marked the important turning-point, which she called her "complete conversion". In fact she recovered totally, from her childhood hyper-sensitivity and began a "to run as a giant". At the age of 14, Thérèse became ever closer, with great faith, to the Crucified Jesus. She took to heart the apparently desperate case of a criminal sentenced to death who was impenitent. "I wanted at all costs to prevent him from going to hell", the Saint wrote, convinced that her prayers would put him in touch with the redeeming Blood of Jesus. It was her first and fundamental experience of spiritual motherhood: "I had such great trust in the Infinite Mercy of Jesus", she wrote. Together with Mary Most Holy, young Thérèse loved, believed and hoped with "a mother's heart" (cf. Pr 6/ior).

In November 1887, Thérèse went on pilgrimage to Rome with her father and her sister Céline. The culminating moment for her was the Audience with Pope Leo XIII, whom she asked for permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux when she was only just 15. A year later her wish was granted. She became a Carmelite, "to save souls and to pray for priests".

At the same time, her father began to suffer from a painful and humiliating mental illness. It caused Thérèse great suffering which led her to contemplation of the Face of Jesus in his Passion. Thus, her name as a religious — Sr Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face — expresses the programme of her whole life in communion with the central Mysteries of the Incarnation and the Redemption.

Thérèse died on the evening of 30 September 1897, saying the simple words, "My God, I love you!", looking at the Crucifix she held tightly in her hands. These last words of the Saint are the key to her whole doctrine, to her interpretation of the Gospel the act of love, expressed in her last breath was as it were the continuous breathing of her soul, the beating of her heart.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 4TH & OCTOBER 5TH

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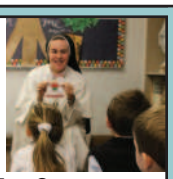
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